

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1 and 14 are amended. Claims 15-24 are new.

2. It is submitted that claims 1-14, as amended, are not anticipated by Prior et al. ("Prior"). Claims 1 and 14 are amended to specify that the different regions of the display which can be selected by means of the touch sensitive region are active regions. Support for this amendment can be found in the description, for example at page 6, paragraph 3 and page 7, first two paragraphs. This amendment is believed to emphasize the distinction between the present invention and the teaching of U.S. 6,349,220, in particular FIG. 6B of Prior, which shows a display divided into a series of regions, of which 61, 62 and 63 appear to be "active" regions, i.e. regions representing dedicated functions. There is no disclosure in Prior that an indicator such as a cursor could be movable only between the active regions 61, 62 and 63. It may also move between the inactive regions (i.e. the nine regions other than 61, 62, 63).

Prior discloses a handset having a front and a rear face with a display provided on the front face and input means responsive to a user on the rear face. FIG. 6B of Prior illustrates that the display may have a number of regions 61-63 corresponding to dedicated functions. The regions 61-63 may be selected by means of an input, for example a touch screen 60 having pressure sensitive regions 64-66 corresponding to the display regions 61-63 (see Col. 4, line 47 to Col. 5, line 5).

The invention of the present application, as defined by the claims, relates to a communication device having a structure of a handset. However, the invention of the present application has an advantage over the prior handsets in that an indicator moves

across the display, and the indicator may only move from one of the active display regions to another. The indicator may not move outside of these active regions. This is advantageous since it makes the selection of functions of the communication device easier for a user, as described at page 6, final paragraph of the application. This feature is believed to distinguish the present application over the teaching of Prior.

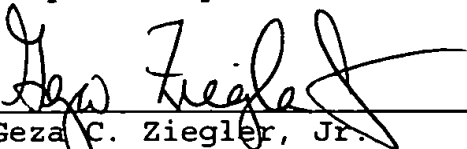
It is therefore submitted that the claims of the present application as amended are patentable over Prior.

Claims 2-13 are dependent and should at least be allowable in view of the dependencies.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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